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Community *notes*

Discover Downtown Columbia 5K

[Registration](#) is open for the Annual Discover Downtown Columbia 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run, held on Sunday, October 2 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Plaza at The Mall in Columbia. This course takes runners and walkers past some of Downtown Columbia's most iconic landmarks, including Symphony Woods, Merriweather Post Pavilion, the Howard County Central Library and onto the new pathway around Lake Kittamaqundi. 5K runners depart from the Plaza at 9:07 a.m., following the Fun Run youngsters at 9:00 a.m. The Finish Line is at the People Tree on the Downtown Lakefront where post-race festivities promise a fun and festive celebration. Prizes are awarded and entertainment featured before, during, and after the race.



Now Presenting...

This season, Howard Community College's acclaimed Arts Collective (AC) presents a captivating collection of works, where compelling actors, writers, artists and musicians [from students to guest artists] collaborate to elevate, inspire and... *ignite your imagination!* Celebrate AC's artistic bravery and unique learning environment... this season's storytelling awaits you.

Look for *The Return of Hallow-Scream* on Friday, October 28 performed by What Improv Group?!?! followed by *A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play*. Click [here](#) to view the full lineup and read more about upcoming performances.

Greetings

Fall is officially here, and Howard County is ready to embrace crisp air, falling leaves, and pumpkin picking. I hope this issue helps you find a great way to enjoy the season.

Maury Kay

Fun at the Farm

The [Farm Academy](#) offers the chance for community involvement in local farm life with free tours and information sessions. At each three-hour session, farmers explain various kinds of farming operations, ranging from livestock to crops, produce and nurseries. There are two upcoming Farm Academy days on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, rain or shine:

October 1 at Heritage Hill Farm

542 Roops Mill Road
Westminster, MD 21158

This 22 acre farm is not your typical operation. The farmer uses what the land has to offer, managing it along with his heritage breed animals, to create the optimal farming conditions without chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

October 15 at Breezy Willow Farm

15307 Frederick Road
Woodbine, MD 21797

This small, family run specialty farm uses sustainable responsible growing methods and has for the past 30 years.

[Registration](#) is required. Contact the Howard County Soil Conservation District at 410-313-0680 or via [email](#) for additional information.



Fire Prevention Expo



The community is invited to participate in the annual [Fire Prevention Expo](#) on Saturday, October 8, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., visit the lower Sears parking lot at the Mall in Columbia to learn about tools and resources to prevent fires in your home. The event includes apparatus

and tools of the trade, CPR demos, a kids course, smoke alarm and sprinkler information, pictures with mascot Sparky, and a live controlled fire demo.

Columbia Association Budget Hearing

Columbia Association's (CA) Board of Directors will hold a public budget hearing on Thursday, October 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at CA Headquarters (6310 Hillside Court, Columbia). This hearing will be one of several opportunities for residents, representatives of village community associations, advisory committee members and others to weigh in on Fiscal Year 2018, the second year of CA's two-year budget cycle.

Speakers are encouraged to provide written versions of their remarks. There will be time limits for each speaker: three minutes for individuals, five minutes for groups and ten minutes for village community associations. Testimony can also be provided via [email](#).

Space Available at the Holiday Open House

The Arts Council seeks vendors for their annual Open House & Holiday Sale on Friday, December 2. The Open House takes place at the Howard County Center for the Arts (8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City) for artists and artisans who wish to sell their handmade, original art and craft items. If you are interested in participating in the holiday sale as a vendor, please [email](#) Adrienne Knight. The deadline to apply is Friday, October 14.

Howard County Farmers Markets

Looking for the freshest fruits and vegetables? HoCo [Farmers Markets](#) remain open through at least the end of October. Check out local offerings on Friday at Howard County General Hospital (5575 Cedar Lane, Columbia) from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



HopeWorks' Candlelight Vigil

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. HopeWorks of Howard County acknowledges survivors' strength and sheds light on the prevalence of domestic violence during their [Candlelight Vigil](#) on Thursday, October 6 at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center (7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia), 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. A [Women's Support Group](#) is available every Wednesday evening year-round, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at 5457 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 310, in Columbia. HopeWorks provides support from fellow survivors of abuse and counselors who specialize in trauma.

HAL Star Party

On Saturday, October 8, Howard Astronomical League will host its next public star party at Alpha Ridge Park (11685 Old Frederick Road, Marriottsville) from dusk to 11:00 p.m. This stargazing fête features a casual atmosphere where club members, amateur astronomers, and other star enthusiasts are welcome to enjoy the wonders of the night sky. Click [here](#) for all the details.

25th Annual Teddy Bear Visit

Clark's Elioak Farm (10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City) welcomes kids of all ages for its annual [Teddy Bear Farm Visit](#), Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2, hosted by Tony McGuffin. Free hayrides for all children who bring a Teddy Bear. On both days, join in the Teddy Bear Contest at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. and enjoy folk singing with Tony, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a rope maze, gem mining, Scoop & Paddle Ice Cream, CJ's Pit Beef and fresh local cider.



Charitable Foundation Scams

The Howard County Office of Consumer Protection warns residents to avoid fundraising scams by using caution when dealing with requests for donations. During a recent scam solicitors claimed to represent firefighter associations sought donations to aid people who have been affected by a fire or disaster. Below are tips on how to recognize and avoid scams:

- Take your time. Be wary of high pressure tactics and requests that donations be paid in cash, by pre-paid gift or debit cards or by wire transfer.
- Make sure you are giving your donation to a legitimate organization. Con artists sometimes use names that are *similar* to well-known organizations.
- Make sure the organization is registered. In Maryland, non-profit fundraisers must register with the Office of the [Secretary of State](#) (SOS) before asking for donations.
- Ask whether the person calling represents the charity or a professional fundraiser and find out what percentage of your donation will be used for "administrative costs" or "overhead." It is not uncommon for fundraising companies to take 80 percent or more of every donation.
- Check on the charity's reputation using a site like [www.charitynavigator.org](#), which ranks charities based on efficiency, transparency and accountability.
- Ask how your contact information will be used. Many organizations continue to contact donors and may sell your contact information to other organizations. If you are frequently contacted by organizations you do not wish to donate to, ask them to put your name on a "Do Not Call" list.

For more information and/or to report a potential scam, contact the Office of Consumer Protection at 410-313-6420 or visit the Office's "Scam Alert!" [website](#).

News from HC Arts Council

Apply for Exhibit Space

The Howard County Arts Council seeks submissions from visual artists, groups, and curators for their 2018-2019 gallery season. All original artwork in any media is being considered. Artists must be at least 18 years old. For more information or to apply for this exhibition opportunity, visit the [Exhibits](#) website. The deadline to apply is Saturday, October 1.

Paint It! Closing Reception

On Friday, September 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Howard County Arts Council welcomes the public to its *Paint It!* Closing Reception at 8510 High Ridge Road in Ellicott City. This reception offers a chance for visitors to mingle with the artists. The event also presents additional opportunities to support the Ellicott City Artists Relief Fund. The Arts Council donates its commission on any sales made from July 31 through September 30 to [Re-create: Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund](#).

Deer Management Program

The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks announces its fall/winter [schedule](#) for managing the deer population through bow and shotgun managed hunts and sharpshooting. This effort helps maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity. For more information on the [deer management program](#), call Recreation & Parks at 410-313-1675.

KidsConnex

The National Family Resiliency Center, Inc. (NFRC) hosts [KidsConnex](#), an educational program designed to help children and teens cope with various losses, stresses and changes in their lives. Children are welcome to join the next session on Thursday, September 29, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Center (10632 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 121). Through activities, music and discussion, children and teens will experience a friendly and supportive visit at KidsConnex. The program is open for all youth ages 6 to 17 who are divided into age specific groups. For more information, NFRC can be reached by calling 410-740-9553 or via [email](#).

Wonder of the World

Howard Community College (HCC) presents David Lindsay-Abaire's tragicomedy creation "Wonder of the World," running from Thursday, October 13 through Sunday, October 16 in the Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center (Studio Theater, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia). Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday's performance takes place at 2:30 p.m. There is a free post-show discussion following the Friday, October 14 performance. [Tickets](#) are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students, seniors, faculty, staff and military.



Upcoming Events

Baltimore 55+ Resource Fair

The Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland welcomes seniors to the Baltimore 55+ Resource Fair on Thursday, September 29 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Myerberg Center (3101 Fallstaff Road, Baltimore, MD 21209). For more information, contact Katie Cashman via [email](#) or by phone (410-848-2433).

Fémina in Concert

Friday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.

Columbia Lakefront

10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044

The [Columbia Festival of the Arts](#) is pleased to announce a free outdoor concert featuring international rhythms from Argentine trio Fémina.

Open Streets Howard County

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Little Patuxent Parkway Loop & Downtown Columbia Trail

Bring your bikes and walking shoes and see how better street design can make getting around easier and safer at [Open Streets Howard County](#).

Free Family Sunday

Sunday, October 2, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

Baltimore Museum of Art

10 Art Museum Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218

Construct [animal masks](#) in an art activity inspired by Front Room: Guerrilla Girls. Explore your creative side with active art-making workshops in response to works on view.

Community Building Speaker- Rob Breymaier

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.

Owen Brown Community Center

6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

Join the Columbia Association's next event in the [Community Building Speakers Series](#), "Sustaining Racial Integration in Housing in Columbia." Advance [registration](#) is appreciated, but not required.



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